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Bone Marrow Drive for Duxbury Girl

Brittany Lambert lives in Duxbury with her parents, Linda and Jim Haehnel, and her sister Brianne. She is a sweet, beautiful 11-year-old girl who attends DES. Brittany loves dancing, violin, playing board games, watching Disney animated films, and eating candy and McDonald's cheeseburgers. Her pink bedroom is filled to capacity with stuffed animals, cherished almost as much as her real pets, 2 cats named Casper and Little - a typical little girl.

What is not typical though, is that Brittany suffers from a rare blood disorder, called Myelodysplasia. (This is the same illness suffered by former Senator Paul Tsongas.) This disease causes a failure of the bone marrow to produce healthy cells. Left untreated, it will lead to a form of leukemia which is generally found only in adults, and which is most often fatal. To prevent this tragedy, Brittany will need to undergo a bone marrow transplant as soon as possible.

Because each individual's marrow is so distinctive, and because a transplant requires as exact a match as possible, Brittany's future may very well depend on how many people come forward on her behalf, to offer the gift of life. The simple blood test to determine matchability would take about 15 minutes and could result in many years added to young Brittany's life. If your marrow matches Brittany's, you would then have the option of undergoing a relatively quick and harmless procedure in which a small amount of your liquid marrow is extracted through a needle and then transfused into Brittany's blood stream. Your healthy marrow cells travel to Brittany's bone cavities where they begin to grow and replace the diseased marrow. The donor's marrow replenishes itself within a few weeks. Brittany is a bright, happy, easygoing child who would like to become an archaeologist when she grows up. Please help her to achieve her dream.

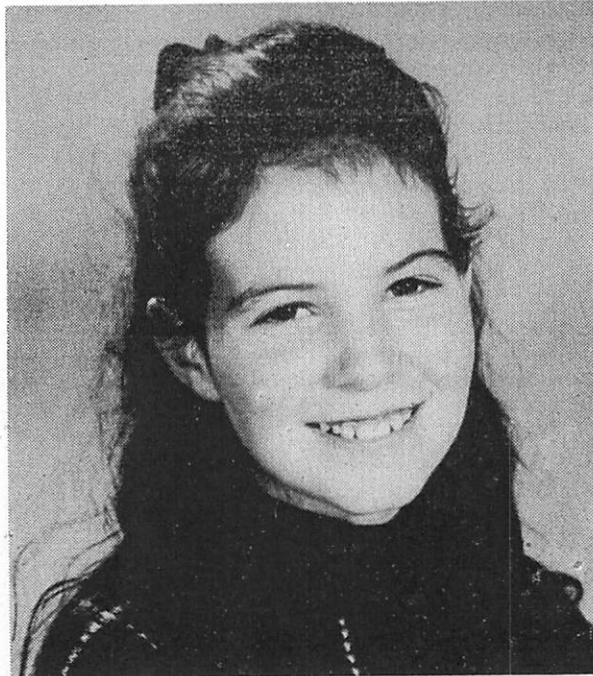
Come to Pilgrim Church on Washington St., Saturday, Aug. 24, to participate in a bone marrow tissue typing drive. Give 15 minutes of your time....Give a small sample of your blood....Give hope to Brittany and her family....Please come and give the gift of life.

Due to the enormous cost of this blood drive (which is not covered by insurance), a Brittany Lambert Wellness Fund has been set up at Citizens Bank in Duxbury. Anyone wishing to donate to this worthy cause may do so at any branch of Citizens Bank or by mailing your tax-deductible contribution directly to: The Brittany Lambert Wellness Fund, c/o Citizens Bank, POBox 1624, Duxbury, MA 02331.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your services, please call Kathy or Eric Carlson at 934-7284.

To all of you who generously donate your time, blood, money, or services, all the members of the Carlson family and Brittany Lambert's family thank you from the bottom of their hearts!

Are You Brittany's Match?



Brittany Lambert

Eleven-year-old Brittany Lambert needs a bone marrow transplant to survive. You could be the one person whose marrow matches hers. Don't let the opportunity to help this wonderful child pass you by. This is your chance to give the most precious gift of all - the gift of life.

Remember these dates: Aug. 10: the Fundraiser Dance; Aug. 24: the Blood Drive. Participation in both days is of utmost importance. Blood for a bone marrow match cannot be tested without sufficient funds for the drive, and a match will not be found without a sufficient number of blood test participants.

"Remember..." there but for the grace of God go I."